

***The Prayer of Dedication** *(Responsively)*

Leader: Gracious God, we are so thankful for the many ways you show your love for us. As we give our resources, help us also to share our time, our talents, our energy and our love. Give us generous hearts . . .

People: So we may freely give without expecting something in return.

Leader: Gracious God, give us compassionate hearts . . .

People: So we may know the joy that comes from helping others.

Leader: Gracious God, give us grateful hearts . . .

People: So we may recognize the many blessings in each new day.

Leader: Gracious God, give us attentive hearts . . .

People: So we may sense your presence and the sound of your call.

Leader: Gracious God, give us discerning hearts . . .

People: So we may distinguish between what we need and what we want.

Leader: Gracious God, give us faithful hearts . . .

People: So we may serve you all our days. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Hymn #422** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" *(Presby Hymnal)*

***The Benediction**

***The Benediction Response** "Amen" Chancel Choir

***The Postlude** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

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November 12, 2017

Stewardship Sunday

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles

Lily Hawks

Announcements

Exchange of Greetings

Introit

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Carol Landis

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: We will love and serve the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Gather us in your arms, O God, and kindle the love that fuels our life together. Empower us to serve and work as one, that we may be signs of your unifying love in our fractured and divided world. Teach us to care for those in need, to face challenges with imagination and humor, and to counter cynicism with prayerful expectation. Grant us the grace to live confidently, trusting that the Lord of history, who has been approaching from all eternity, comes into life continually with compassion, redemption, and hope. Amen.

***The Hymn #425** "Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining" *(Presby Hymnal)*

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are not ready for you to come. The light of our lamps sputters from lack of oil; the light of our witness flickers from lack of faith. We do not love others as you ask or care for your creation as you command. We do not live in joyful expectation of your return. Forgive us, Lord. Make us ready to greet you. Fill us with the fuel of your grace that we may burn brightly with your love. Empower us to illuminate our world with your mercy, justice, and peace, until you come again. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Congregation Sings in Response

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Church in Proclamation

The Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1 - 3a, 14 - 25
Matthew 25:1 – 13

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

“We Are Called”

Chancel Choir

The Micro Message

TBA

*The Congregation Sings in Response

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father’s throne
Make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

The Sermon

“With Lamps Lit”

Rev. Merry Meloyl

The Hymn #15

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

(Presby Hymnal)

The Church Responds

*The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offertory Invitation

We give because we need to give—to express in tangible, material ways what our priorities are; to testify to Christ’s saving love by our actions and our choices. This morning, we give witness to Christ’s work in this congregation as we pledge our commitment of time, talents, and treasure for 2018. Let us share generously and joyfully as we pledge our stewardship, our offerings, and our lives.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located near the center aisle.
Thank you!

The Offertory

“Organ Offertory”

Chuck Davey

*The Congregation Sings in Response #7 “Praise God,…”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 12, 2017
Stewardship Sunday

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – Nurture Team

Monday, November 13, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:00 PM – Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian
5:15 PM – Youth Program
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, November 16, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:15 PM – Canticle Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choirs

Friday, November 17, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Next Sunday, November 19, 2017

11:00 AM – Worship at Covenant

Worship Attendance for November 5, 2017: 61

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Mary Lindenberg Pat Bopp Dale Hutchison Scott O' Day
Acolyte: Lily Hawks **Next Week:** None
Liturgist: Carol Landis **Next Week:** None
Micro Message: TBA **Next Week:** None
Flower Delivery: Carol Landis **Next Week:** None
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** None
Close the Church : Esther Radvinski **Next Week:** None

The Flowers today are given by Dave and Carol Landis in memory of Nita and Jack Landis.

Prayer Requests can be made by using the purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Pass your requests to the center aisle during the Opening Hymn. They will be distributed to our Prayer Team to be included in this week's prayers.

Restrooms: From the front of the sanctuary, use the left entrance (by the piano) and follow the hallway to the right. The restrooms are down the hall on the left. From the rear of the sanctuary, turn left and go downstairs. The restrooms are at the end of the hallway.

Child Care: The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age. To find the nursery, please go to the left front entrance of the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the right. The nursery is on the left. If your child would like to be rocked during worship, a rocking chair is available on the left side of the sanctuary.

Joint Service with Covenant



Next Sunday, Nov. 19, we'll be worshipping with our friends and neighbors at Covenant. After worshipping with Saint Andrews several times this past summer, Covenant invited us to join them one Sunday this fall. The service begins at 11:00 a.m.

Feel free to use the parking lot on Jefferson Street across from the church. If you have mobility issues, please park in the alley behind the church and use the ramp entrance. There's an elevator to take you to the sanctuary on the second floor.

There will be an offering during worship. To make sure your gifts are received by Saint Andrews, just use one of the envelopes in your booklet of giving envelopes. See you there!



Happy Birthday

November 15

Mary Agnes McKay

November 16

Dawn Grossman

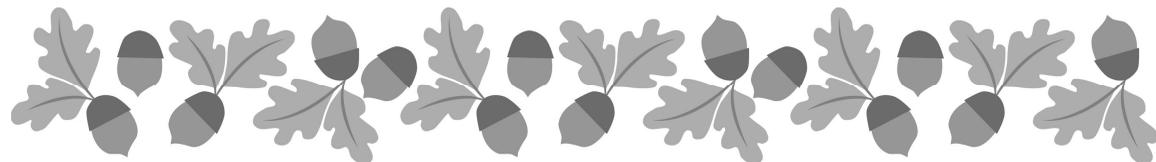
Help Rename Our Mid-Week Youth Program

Wednesday nights are more than Youth Group. They're filled with:

- ☺ Music
- ☺ Dinner
- ☺ Friends
- ☺ Laughter
- ☺ Bible study
- ☺ Youth group
- ☺ Bells



Our Wednesday night gathering needs a name all its own—a name that's distinct and special to Saint Andrews! Help name our Wednesday evening program. You can submit your ideas by dropping a card in the bowl in the Narthex or emailing the church office at office@standrewsupc.org. Our youth will vote on a name at the end of this month.



“Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves And Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say”

We've heard them all our lives. Comments like, “Everything happens for a reason,” or “God won't give you more than you can handle.” They sound like wisdom from the Bible. They may even contain a kernel of truth. But do they reflect the teachings of the Gospel? Are these things Jesus might say?

Join us this month as we take a closer look at some of these popular proverbs. Using Adam Hamilton's book as our guide, we'll explore what they teach and how they fit with what Jesus actually said. We meet at 9:15 on Sunday morning in the church library. There's a seat waiting for you. Bring a friend and come!



“Peace on Earth, Good Will to All!”

Do you chew on more than turkey at your family holiday gatherings? Does a large helping of frustration get dished out sometime between the mashed potatoes and the pie? Do differences in daily experiences, politics, or lifestyles rob you of the joy of being together? Are you missing the “Peace on Earth” part?

This December, Samaritan Counselor Ellen Knox will lead a three part series on how to have difficult conversations. In our polarized world, it's often hard to have opposing views without sparking personal opposition. Join us as we explore ways to remain connected even in our differences.

Ellen holds a Masters Degree in Counseling from Geneva College and provides individual, family, and couples counseling through the Samaritan Counseling Center. She and her husband live in Butler and serve as foster/adoptive parents. The series begins on Sunday, December 3rd, and will run through December 17th.



November First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in November goes to the Samaritan Counseling Center of Western Pennsylvania. The Center is a faith-based, non-profit organization that helps individuals and families find spiritual, emotional and physical healing through professional counseling and educational programs. Samaritan Counselors seek to provide more than a relief from symptoms; they strive to help clients discover and address those factors that are keeping them from becoming the people God intends them to be.

The Center offers a variety of services, including one-on-one counseling for adults, children, adolescents, couples and families, spiritual direction, grief support services, and group seminars. Fees are adjusted according to a client's ability to pay. The Center is funded, in part, by contributions from churches, organizations, individuals, and foundations. Samaritan Counseling has locations in Allegheny, Beaver and Butler Counties.

To help fund this quiet but vital ministry, simply use a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope found in the pew racks or mark "First Sunday Mission" in the memo portion of your check. Thank you!

Toys for Tots Box



Every year, U.S. Marines collect and distribute Christmas gifts to needy children through the Toys for Tots Program. To date, the marines have given over 500 million toys to 237 million children. If you'd like to help families in our community, just bring a new toy (unwrapped) to church during the month of November. A Toys for Tots Collection Box is in the Narthex. Together, we can make Christmas a little brighter for children in Butler.



Christmas Cookie Walk Saturday, December 9, 2017



Mark your calendars, find your favorite recipes, and warm up your ovens! Saint Andrews' Christmas Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 am to noon. We'll have a wonderful assortment of cookies for sale on tables in the Bethany Room. Each customer will be able to walk from table to table to select their own unique combination of holiday goodies.

For the event to be successful, we need your help! We're asking for volunteers to make cookies (lots and lots of cookies!) and volunteers for December 9, the day of the walk. We'll need helpers to put cookies in boxes for customers, restock trays, and help set up and clean up. We'll be setting up in the Bethany Room on Friday, December 8, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Cookies can be dropped off then or on Saturday, December 9, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

If you can lend a hand, please sign up in the Narthex, see Kendra Mulneix, or call the church office (724-287-4777). And then spread the word so we have lots of customers!

Alternative Gift Fair



Attention all Christmas shoppers! Are you struggling to find the perfect gift for someone special? Are you looking for a unique present for someone who seems to have everything? Saint Andrews Youth Group has a great solution. Come to our Alternative Gift Fair at the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9th. We'll have all kinds of cool gifts that benefit those in need!

Hanging of the Greens November 26, 2017



Please plan on staying after worship on Sunday, November 26, for the annual "Hanging of the Greens." We'll decorate the church and then share a light lunch of pizza and pop. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship for the whole family as we "deck the halls" together!